

A TRUE  
RELATION  
OF THE  
COMMISSIONS  
AND  
WARRANTS

For the Condemnation and Burning of  
**BARTHOLOMEW LEGATT**  
AND  
**EDWARD WIGHTMAN,**

The one in *West-Smithfield, London*, the other at  
*Litchfield*, in the Year, 1611.

Signed with *K. James's* own Hand.

In which is laid open their most Blasphemous  
*Heresies* and false *Opinions*, being part of them,  
the very same which our *Ranters* in these times  
profess to be their *New Lights*.

Whereunto are added,  
The Pardons of *Theophilus Higgons*, and Sir *Eustace*  
*Heart Knight*.

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L O N D O N,  
Printed for *Richard Baldwin*, in the Year, 1692.

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## A Narration of the Burning of Bartholomew Legatt:

James R.

**J**AMES by the Grace of God, King of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To our right trusty, and right well-beloved Counsellor *Thomas Lord Ellesmere* our Chancellor of *England*, Greeting. Where the Reverend Father in God *John Bishop of London*, having judicially proceeded in a Cause of Heresie against *Bartholomew Legatt* of the City of *London*, in the Diocess of the said Bishop of *London*, concerning divers wicked Errors, Heresies, and blasphemous Opinions, holden, affirmed and published by the said *Bartholomew Legatt*, and chiefly in these thirteen blasphemous Positions following, viz. That the Creed called the *Nicene Creed* and *Athanasius's Creed*, contain not a Profession of the true Christian Faith, or that he will not profess his Faith according to the same Creeds. That Christ is not God of God begotten, not made, but begotten and made. That there are no Persons in the Godhead. That Christ was not God from everlasting, but began to be God, when he took Flesh of the Virgin *Mary*. That the World was not made by Christ. That

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the Apostles teach Christ to be Man only. That there is no Generation in God, but of Creatures. That this Assertion, God to be made Man, is contrary to the Rule of Faith, and monstrous Blasphemy. That Christ was not before the fulness of time except by Promise. That Christ was not God otherwise then anointed God. That Christ was not in the form of God equal with God, that is, in substance of God, but in Righteousness and giving Salvation. That Christ by his Godhead wrought no Miracle. That Christ is not to be prayed unto. Wherein he the said *Bartholomew Legatt* hath before the said Reverend Father, maintained his said most dangerous and blasphemous Opinions, as appeareth by many of his confessions publickly made and acknowledged. For which his damnable and heretical Opinions, he is by definitive sentence by the said Reverend Father *John Bishop of London*, with the Advice and Consent of other Reverend Bishops, learned Divines, and others learned in the Laws assisting him in Judgment, justly adjudged, pronounced and declared to be an obstinate and incorrigible Heretick, and is left by them under the Sentence of the great Excommunication, and therefore as a corrupt Member to be cut off from the Church of Christ, and Society of the Faithful, and is to be by our secular Power and Authority as an Heretick punished, as by the *signification* of the said Reverend Father in God the said Bishop of *London*, bearing date at *London* the third Day of *March*, in the Year of our Lord, 1611. in the ninth Year of Our Reigne, and remaining in Our Court of *Chancery* more at large appeareth. And although the said

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Bartholomew Legatt hath since the said Sentence pronounced against him, been often very charitably moved and exhorted as well by the said Bishop, as by many grave and learned Divines, to dissuade, revoke and remove him from the said Blasphemous and Heretical Opinions, yet he arrogantly and wilfully perlisteth and continueth in the same. We therefore according to our Regal Function and Office, minding the execution of Justice in this behalf, and to give example to others, least they should attempt the like hereafter, have determined by the Assent of our Council, to will and require, and do hereby Authorize and require you our said Chancellor, immediately upon the receipt hereof, to award and make out under Our Great Seal of England, Our Writ of Execution according to the Tenor in these Presents ensuing. And these Presents shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge for the same.

Y<sup>e</sup>

Rev.

**R**EX Vicecomitibus London, Salutem. Cum Reverendus in Christo Pater Johannes London Episcopus nobis significavit, quod cum ipse in quodam Heretica pravitatis negotio contra quendam Bartholomeum Legatt, subditum nostrum Civitatis London dicti London Episcopi Dioecesis. Et jurisdictionis rite Et legitime procedens, per Acta inactitata deducta proposita, Et per confessiones ipsius Bartholomei Legatt, coram prefato Episcopo judicialiter factas Et recognitas-comperit Et invenit prefatum Bartholomeum Legatt quamplurimos nefandos errores falsas Opiniones Hereses Et Blasphemias execrandas Et scelerata dogmata Catholica Et Orthodoxa Fidei Et Religionis Et Sacrosancto Dei Verbo expresse contraria Et repugnantis scienter maliciose animoque pertinaci obdurato planeque incorrigibili credere tenere affirmare Et publicare idem Reverendus Pater London Episcopus cum consilio Et consensu tam Reverendorum Episcoporum Et aliorum Theologorum quam juris etiam peritorum in judicio assiden. Et assistentium eundem Bartholomeum Legatt per sententiam suam definitivam obduratum contumacem Et incorrigibilem Hereticum prominciavit decrevit Et declaravit, eaque occasione tanquam protervum Hereticum Et Membrium putridum Et contagiosum ab Ecclesia Christi Et Fidelium Communionem recisum Et amputatum fore. Cum igitur sancta Mater Ecclesia non habeat quod ulterius facere Et exequi valeat in hac parte, idem Reverendus Pater prefatum Bartholomeum Legatt, ut Blasphemum Hereticum brachio nostro seculari reliquit condigna animadversione plerendum prout per Literas Patentes prefati Reverendi in Christi Patris London Episcopi in hac parte superinde confecti Nobis in Chancellor nostram Certificat est. Nos igitur ut Zelator Justitie Et Fidei Catholica Defensor, volentesque

tesque Ecclesiam sanctam ac Fidei & Libertates ejusdem  
& Fidem Catholicam manutenere & defendere, ac hu-  
jusmodi Hereses & Errores ubique quantum in Nobis est  
eradicare & extirpare, ac Hereticos sic convictos ani-  
madversione condigna puniri, attendentesq; hujusmodi He-  
reticum in forma prædicti convictum & damnatum juxta  
Leges & Consuetudines Regni Nostri Angliæ in hac parte  
consueti ignis incendio comburi debere. Vobis præcipimus  
quod dictum Bartholomeum Legatt in Custodia vestra ex-  
stet apud West-Smithfield in loco publico & aperto ex  
causa præmissa coram populo publice igni committi, ac  
ipsum Bartholomeum Legatt in eodem igne realiter com-  
buri fac' in hujusmodi criminis Detestationem, aliorumque  
Christianorum exemplum manifestum, ut in simile crimen  
labantur. Et hoc sub periculo incumbenti nullatenus omis-  
satis. Teste, &c.

Henry Hibirte.

This containeth a Warrant to be granted by  
your Majesty unto the Lord Chancellor of England,  
for the awarding of a Writ under the Great Seal of  
England to the Sheriff of the City of London, for the  
burning of Bartholomew Legatt, who is convicted of  
divers horrible Heresies before the Bishop of London,  
and by his Sentence left to the secular Power, as is  
by the said Bishop certified to your Majesty into  
your Highness's Court of Chancery.

And is done by force of your Majesty's Com-  
mandment to me given under your Highness's Sign-  
manual.

Henry Hibirte.

**T**HE King to the Sheriffs of London, greeting,  
Whereas the Reverend Father in Christ  
*John Bishop of London*, hath signified unto  
us, that when he in a certain business of Heretical  
pravity against one *Bartholomew Legatt* our Subject  
of the City of London, of the said Bishop of London's  
Diocess and Jurisdiction, rightly and lawfully pro-  
ceeding by Acts enacted, drawn, proposed, and by  
the Confessions of the said *Bartholomew Legatt*, before  
the said Bishop judicially made and acknowledged,  
hath found in the said *Bartholomew Legatt* very many  
wicked Errors, false Opinions, Heresies, and cursed  
Blasphemies, and impious Doctrines, expressly con-  
trary and repugnant to the Catholick Faith and Re-  
ligion, and the holy Word of God, knowingly  
and maliciously, and with a pertinacious and ob-  
durate plainly incorrigible mind, to believe, hold  
affirm and publish, the same Reverend Father the  
Bishop of London with the Advice and Consent, as  
well of the Reverend Bishops and other Divines,  
as also of Men learned in the Law, in Judgement  
sitting and assisting; the same *Bartholomew Legatt*  
by his definitive Sentence hath pronounced, decreed,  
and declared to be an obdurate, contumacious and  
incorrigible Heretick, and upon that occasion as a  
stubborn Heretick, and rotten contagious Member  
to be cut off from the Church of Christ, and the  
Communion of the Faithful; Whereas the Holy  
Mother Church hath not further to do and prosecute  
in this part, the same Reverend Father hath left  
the aforesaid *Bartholomew Legatt* as a blasphemous  
Heretick to our secular Power to be punished with  
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condign Punishment, as by the Letters Patents of the said Reverend Father in Christ the Bishop of London in this behalf, above made hath certified unto us in our Chancery. We therefore as a Zealot of Justice, and a Defender of the Catholick Faith, and willing to maintain and defend the holy Church, and Rights and Liberties of the same, and the Catholick Faith: And such Heresies and Errors every where what in us lieth, to root out and extirpate, and to punish with condign Punishment such Hereticks so convicted, and deeming that such an Hereticke in form aforesaid, convicted and condemned according to the Laws and Customs of this our Kingdom of England in this part accustomed, ought to be burned with Fire; We do command you, that the said Bartholomew Legatt, being in your Custody, you do commit publickly to the Fire, before the People, in a publick and open place in West-Smithfield, for the cause aforesaid, and that you cause the said Bartholomew Legatt to be really burned in the same Fire, in Detestation of the said Crime, for the manifest example of other Christians, lest they slide into the same Fault, and this that in no wise you omit, under the peril that shall follow thereon. Witness, &c.

## A Narration of the Burning of Edward Wightman,

James Rex,

**J**A M E S by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To our right Trusty and right Well-beloved Councellor, Thomas Lord Ellesmere, our Chancellor of England, Greeting. Where the Reverend Father in God, Richard Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, having judicially proceeded in the Examination, Hearing and Determining of a Cause of Heresie against Edward Wightman of the Parish of Burton upon Trent, in the Diocess of Coventry and Lichfield, concerning the wicked Heresies of the Ebionites, Cerinthians, Valentinians, Arians, Macedonians, of Simon Magus, of Menes, Manichees, of Phorinus, and Anabaptists, and of other heretical, execrable and unheard of Opinions, by the instinct of Satan, by him excogitated and holden, viz.

That there is not the Trinity of Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in the Unity of the Deity. 2. That Jesus Christ is not the true natural Son of God, perfect God, and of the same Substance, Eternity and Majesty with the Father in respect of his Godhead. 3. That Jesus Christ is only Man and a meer Creature, and not both God and Man in one Person. 4. That Christ our Saviour

viour took not human Flesh of the Substance of the Virgin Mary his Mother; and that, that Promise, *The Seed of the Woman shall break the Serpent's Head*, was not fulfilled in Christ. 5. That the Person of the Holy Ghost is not God coequal, co-eternal, and coessential with the Father and the Son. 6. That the three Creeds, viz. The Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and Athanasius's Creed are the Heresies of the *Nicolasians*. 7. That he the said *Edward Wightman* is that Prophet spoken of in the eighteenth of *Deuteronomy* in these words, *I will raise them up a Prophet, &c.* And that, that place of *Isaiah*, *I alone have trodden the Wine-press*: And that, that place, *Whose Ear is in his hand*, are proper and personal to him, the said *Edward Wightman*. 8. And that he the said *Wightman* is that Person of the Holy Ghost spoken of in the Scriptures; and the Comforter spoken of in the sixteenth of *St. John's Gospel*. 9. And that those words of our Saviour Christ of the Sin of Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, are meant of his Person. 10. And that, that place, the fourth of *Malachi*, of *Elias* to come, is likewise meant of his Person. 11. That the Soul doth sleep in the sleep of the first Death, as well as the Body, and is mortal as touching the Sleep of the first Death, as the Body is: And that the Soul of our Saviour Jesus Christ did sleep in that sleep of death as well as his body. 12. That the Souls of the elect Saints departed, are not Members possessed of the triumphant Church in Heaven. 13. That the baptizing of Infants is an abominable Custom. 14. That there ought not to be in the Church the Use of the Lord's Supper to be celebrated

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celebrated in the Elements of Bread and Wine: And the Use of Baptism to be celebrated in the Element of Water, as they are now practiced in the Church of *England*. But that the Use of Baptism is to be administered in Water, only to Converts of sufficient age of Understanding, converted from Infidelity to the Faith. 15. That God hath ordained and sent him, the said *Edward Wighams*, to perform his part in the Work of the Salvation of the World, to deliver it by his Teaching, or Admonition from the Heresie of the *Millenaries*, as Christ was ordained and sent to save the World, and by his death to deliver it from Sin, and to reconcile it to God. 16. And that Christianity is not wholly professed and preached in the Church of *England*, but only in part. Wherein he the said *Edward Wighams*, hath before the said Reverend Father, as also before our Commissioners, for Causes Ecclesiastical within our Realm of *England*, maintained his said most peevillous and dangerous Opinions, as appeareth by many of his Confessions, as also by a Book written and subscribed by him, and given to us. For the which his damnable and heretical Opinions, he is by divine Sentence declared by the said Reverend Father, the Bishop of *Coventry and Lichfield*, with the Advice and Consent of learned Divines, and other Learned in the Laws assisting him in Judgment, justly adjudged, pronounced and declared to be an obstinate and incorrigible Heretick, and is left by them under the Sentence of the great Excommunication, and therefore as a corrupt Member to be cut off from the rest of the Flock of Christ, lest he should infect others professing the true Christian Faith: and is to be

be by our Secular Power and Authority as an Heretick punished: As by the *Significavit* of the said Reverend Father in God, the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, bearing date at Lichfield, the fourteenth day of December, in the Ninth Year of our Reign, and remaining in our Court of *Chancery* more at large appeareth. And although the said Edward Wightman hath since the said Sentence pronounced against him, been often very charitably moved and exhorted, as well by the said Bishop, as by many other Godly, Grave and Learned Divines, to dissuade, revoke, and remove him from the said Blasphemous, Heretical and Anabaptistical Opinions; Yet he arrogantly and wilfully persisteth and continueth in the same. We therefore, according to our Regal Function and Office, minding the Execution of Justice in this behalf, and to give example to others, lest they should attempt the like hereafter, have determined by the Assent of our Council to will and require, and do hereby authorize and require you our said Chancellor immediately upon the Receipt hereof to award and make out under our great Seal of England, our Writ of Execution according to the Tenour in these presents ensuing. And these presents shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge for the same.

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**R**EX Vio' Civitatis nostra Lich. salutem ; Cum Re-  
 verendus in Christo Pater Richardus providentia Di-  
 vina Caventr' & Lich' Episcopus nobis significaverit, quod  
 ipse contra & adversus quendam Edwardum Wightman  
 Parochiae de Burton super Trent Coventr' & Lich' Dioces.  
 de & super nephanda heresibus Ebionis, Cerintbi, Valen-  
 tiniani, Arri, Macedonii, Simonis Magi, Manetis, Ma-  
 nechiorum, Photini, & Anabaptistarum aliorumq; here-  
 siarcharum, & insuper de aliis execrandis opinionibus in-  
 stinctu Satanae excogitatis & antehac inauditis, juxta  
 Canonum Ecclesiasticorum legumque & consuetudinum hujus  
 Regni nostri Angl' exigentiam judiciali' procedens, praedictus  
 Edwardus Wightman coram praefato Reverendo Patre ac  
 aliis Theologis & jurisperitis sibi in judicio assistentibus  
 comparens, praedicta nephanda crimina haereses ac alia  
 detestanda blasphemia & Errores contumaciter & ex qua-  
 dam pertinacia scienter maliciose animoq; obdurato publi-  
 cavit defendebat & disseminabat, per sententiam definiti-  
 vam ejusdem Reverendi Patris cum consensu Theologorum  
 & jurisperitorum praedictorum juste Legitime & Canonice  
 contra eundem Edwardum Wightman in ea parte latam  
 heretic' adjudicatus & pronunciat' existit ; & ideo tanquam  
 ovem morbidam e grege Domini ne subditos nostros sua  
 contagione inficiet ejiciendum & eliminandum fore decre-  
 verit : Cum igitur Sancta Mater Ecclesia non habeat quod  
 ulterius in hac parte facere & exequi debeat, idem Re-  
 verendus Pater eundem Edwardum Wightman ut blasphemum  
 & damnatum Hereticum brachio nostro seculari re-  
 liquit, condigna animadversione plectend' prout per Literas  
 Patentes praefati Reverendi Patris Episcopi Coventr' &  
 Lich' in hac parte superinde confect' nobis in Cancellar'  
 nostram certificatus est. Nos igitur ut zelator justitiae &  
 fidei

fidei Catholica defensor : Volentesque Ecclesiam Sanctam ac jura & libertates ejusdem & fidem Catholicam manutene- & defendere, ac hujusmodi Hæreses & Errores ubique (quantum in nobis est) eradicare & extirpare, ac Hæreticos sic convictos animadversione condigna puniri, attendentesq; hujusmodi Hæreticum in forma prædicta convictum & damnatum juxta leges & consuetudinem Regni nostri Angliæ in hac parte consueti ignis incendio comburi debere; Tibi præcipimus quod dicti Edwardum Wightman in custodia tua existens in aliquo loco publico & aperto infra Civitatem prædicti ex causa præmissa coram populo publice igni committi, & ipsum Edwardum Wightman in eodem igne realiter comburi fac' in hujusmodi criminis detestationem aliorumque Christianorum exemplum manifestum, ne in simile crimen labantur. Et hoc sub periculo in cumbenti nullatenus omittas. Teste, &c.

Henry Hibirte

This containeth a Warrant to be granted by your Majesty unto the Lord Chancellor of England, for the Awarding of a Writ under the Great Seal of England, to the Sheriff of the City of Lichfield, for the burning of Edward Wightman, who is convicted of divers horrible Hæreses before the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and by his Sentence left to the secular Power, as is by the said Bishop certified to your Majesty, into your Highness's Court of Chancery.

And is done by force of your Majesties Commandment to me given under your Highness's Sign Manual.

Henry Hibirte

THE King to the Sheriff of our City of Lichfield, Greeting. Whereas the Reverend Father in Christ, Richard by Divine Providence of Coventry and Lichfield, Bishop, hath signified unto us that he judicially proceeding, according to the Exigence of the Ecclesiastical Canons, and of the Laws and Customs of this our Kingdom of England, against one Edward Wightman of the Parish of Burton upon Trent, in the Diocess of Coventry and Lichfield, of and upon the wicked Heresies of Ebron, Cerintbus, Valentiman, Arius, Macedonius, Simon Magus, of Manes, Manichees, Photinus, and of the Anabaptists, and other Arch-Hereticks; and moreover of other cursed Opinions belched by the instinct of Satan excogitated and heretofore unheard of, the aforesaid Edward Wightman appearing before the aforesaid Reverend Father, and other Divines, and learned in the Law, assisting him in Judgment, the aforesaid wicked Crimes, Heresies and other detestable Blasphemies and Errors stubbornly and pertinaciously, knowingly, maliciously, and with an hardened heart, published, defended and dispersed, by definitive Sentence of the said Reverend Father, with the Consent of Divines, Learned in the Law aforesaid, Justly, Lawfully and Canonically against the said Edward Wightman in that part brought, stands adjudged and pronounced an Heretick, and therefore as a diseased Sheep out of the Flock of the Lord, lest our Subjects he do infect by his contagion, he hath decreed to be cast out and cut off. Whereas therefore the holy Mother Church hath not further in this part what it ought more to do and prosecute, the



the same Reverend Father, the same *Edward Wightman* as a blasphemous and condemned Heretick, hath left to our secular Power to be punished with condign punishment, as by the Letters Patents of the aforesaid Reverend Father the Bishop of *Coventry and Litchfield* in this behalf thereupon made is certified unto us into our Chancery. We therefore as a Zealot of Justice and a Defender of the Catholick Faith, and willing that the holy Church and the Rights and Liberties of the same, and the Catholick Faith to Maintain and Defend, and such like Heresies and Errors every where so much as in us lies to root out and extirpate, and Hereticks so convict to punish with condign punishment, holding that such an Heretick in the aforesaid form convict and condemned according to the Laws and Customs of this our Kingdom of *England* in this part accustomed ought to be burned with Fire, We command thee that thou cause the said *Edward Wightman* being in thy custody to be committed to the Fire in some publick and open place below the City aforesaid, for the cause aforesaid, before the People, and the same *Edward Wightman* in the same Fire cause really to be burned in the Detestation of the said Crime, and for manifest example of other Christians, that they may not fall into the same Crime, and this no ways omit, under the peril that shall follow thereon. Witness,

1611.

*Expediit apud Westm' Nono die Martii Anno Regis Jacobi Angl' &c. Nono.*

*per Windebank.*

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## The Pardon of Theophilus Higgons.

James Rex,

**R**EX omnibus ad quos, &c. Salutem. Cum nobis dat<sup>us</sup> est intelligi, Quod Theophilus Higgons de London Clericus in partes transmarin<sup>as</sup> absque licenc<sup>ia</sup> nostra Regia emigraverit, Ibidemque duos ann<sup>os</sup> & dimidium vel <sup>us</sup> circiter Commoratus & cum Jesuitis & Presbyter<sup>ibus</sup> Conversatus fuerit, atque in eodem temporis spatio in Seminar<sup>io</sup> Anglic<sup>o</sup> apud Doway & Sancti Omeri aliquantisper perman-  
serit, Et se Ecclesie Romanae reconciliaverit. Necnon quaedam Scandalos. & Periculos. contra Stat<sup>uta</sup> hujus Regni nostri tam Ecclesiast<sup>ici</sup> quam Temporal<sup>ia</sup>, & verbis & scriptis protulerit, & enunciaverit, atque etiam quosdam & subdit<sup>os</sup> nostris a Religione in hoc Regno nostro stabilis<sup>iter</sup> seducere & avertere operam & vires intenderit; Postea tamen per sancta & bona media, & praecipue ex penitent<sup>ia</sup> & instinctu misericordiae & gratiae Divinae, praed<sup>icta</sup> perversitat<sup>em</sup> suam, ac falsas & opprobriosas opiniones praed<sup>ictas</sup> penitus abnegaverit, Sequae Religioni verae & reformat<sup>ae</sup>, & in hoc Regno promulgat<sup>ae</sup> & stabilis<sup>iter</sup> Conformem exhibuerit. Sciatis igitur, quod nos pietate moti de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certi sciens<sup>ter</sup> & mer<sup>ito</sup> motu nostris pardonavimus remissimus & relaxavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredes<sup>que</sup> successor<sup>ibus</sup> nostris pardonamus remittimus & relaxamus, praed<sup>ictum</sup> Theophilo Higgons de London Clerico seu quocunque alio nomine  
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regnomine sive additione nominis vel cognominis officii aut dignitatis. sive vel locorum, idem Theophilus Higgons. confectus vocetur sive nuncupetur, aut nuper confectus vel celebratus sive nuncupabatur, omni. Et omnimod. offens. de transgendo in partes transmaras. absque Licentia nostra, idemque committend. Et cum Jesuit. Et Presbyter. Auditor. ac in Seminar. Anglico. apud Down. Et Sancti. Omnes. permutand. atque Ecclesie Romanae sive constitutioni. ac scandalis. aliqua contra stat. Regni hujus nunc. Ecclesia. est. quam temporal. Et scribend. Et liquend. atque aliquos est subdit. nostris a Religione hujus Regni nostri averrend. Et fediend; Atque omnes alias offens. delict. contempt. malefact. Et transgression. quascunque praemissa aut eorum aliquod vel aliqua in aliquo tangen. vel concernen. per praed. Theophilum Higgons ante dat. praesentium qualitercunque Commiss. sive perpetrat. atque etiam omni. Omnimod. offens. prodisiones felonias Et premuni. ratione alicujus vel aliquorum facti vel factor superius mencionat. commis. perpetrat. vel incurfos; Licet idem Theophilus Higgons de praemis. vel aliquo praemis. indictat. impetit. convict. attingit. adjudicat. utlegat. seu condemnat. existit vel non existit, aut inde indictat. impetur. convinc. atting. adjudicat. utlegat. seu condemnari consigerit in futurum; Nec non omnes Et omnimod. utlegat. si quae in ipsum Theophilum Higgons occasionibus praed. seu earum aliqua fuerint promulgat. sive promulgand. Ac omni. Et omnimod. Judic. attingitur. convictio. condemnation. penas mort. penas corporales. imprisonamen. ac omni. al. forisfactur. execution. punition. Et penaltas. quaecunque super vel versus ipsum Theophilum Higgons ratione seu occasione praemis. sive eor. alicujus habit. fact. reddit. sive adjudicat. aut habend. faciend. reddend. seu adjudicand; Necnon omni. Et omnimod. action. sect. querel. impetition. Et demand. quacunque

namque que nos versus ipsum Theophilum Higgons ratione  
sua occasione præmissæ seu cor. alicuius habemus habuimus  
seu in futurum habere poterimus, aut hered. seu successor.  
nostri habere poterint in futur. scilicet namque pac. nostra que  
ad nos versus ipsum Theophilum Higgons pertinet seu per-  
tinere poterit in futur. Et firmam pacem, Et hanc perdo-  
nationem nostram eidem Theophilo Higgons inde damus  
Et concedimus per presentes. Aliquo Statu. Ali. provisione  
sua restrictione in contrari. inde in aliquo non abstan. In  
cujus rei, &c. Teste, &c.

*It may please your Excellent Majesty.*

**T**HIS Bill containeth Your Majesty's gracious Pardon unto *Theophilus Higgon* Clerk, for any offence or contempt in passing over the Seas, or reconciliation to the Church of Rome, or remaining in Seminaries, or conversing with Jesuites or Priests or other Offences of that Nature; for which he is Penitent, and hath converted and conformed himself to the Religion established in this Realm.

I have no Warrant for the drawing of this Bill, save that Sir *Edmond Hoby*, to whom the Parly bears special obligation, did by his Letter to me signifie Your Majesty's pleasure to this purpose: But, because the Parties conversion was so notorious, and so generally liked, I have presumed to commend this Bill to Your Majesty's Signature.

*Francis Bacon.*

1611.

*Expedit apud Westm. xxiii die Julij Anno Regis Jacobi Noni.*

*per Windebank.*

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## The Pardon of Sir Eustace Harte.

James R.

**R**EX Omnibus ad quos, &c. Salutem. Sciatis, quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia & nostro motu nostro pardonavimus, remisimus & relaxavimus ac per presentes pro nobis hered. & successor. nostris pardonamus, remisimus & relaxamus Eustachio Harte de villa de Southampton. seu quocunque alio nomine, cognomine seu additione nominis vel cognominis, dignitas. Offic. loc. vel locorum ad eum Eustachium Harte sciatur, censetur, vocatur seu nuncupetur, aut nuper sciebatur, censebatur, vocabatur sive nuncupabatur omnia & singula crimina & offens. Adulterii, Fornicationis & Incontinentia quascunque per ipsum Eustachium Harte cum aliqua muliere sive aliquibus mulieribus ante das. present. ubicunque quomodocunque quomodocunque & qualitercunque facti. commisi. sive perpetrati. Necnon omnia & singula fecit. Impetitiones, actiones, fines, penas, amerciaments. & punitiones quascunque tangen. seu concernen. premissa seu eorum aliquod. Except. semper extra has presentes annibus & singulis Rape. Mulier. Angl. vocat. Rape; & omnibus & singulis Incest. & Buggeriis & omnibus aliis criminibus & offensis unde aliqua Billa, Actio, Querela aut Informatio ante das. present. exhibitis. fuit & doctam nobis & consilio nostro in Camera Stellat. aut aliquibus aliis Cur. nostris apud Westmonaster. aut in ali-

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*qua vel aliquibus curiis nostris Ecclesiasticis aut coram aliquem vel aliquos Judicem vel Judic. aut Commissionar. nostras Ecclesiastic. modò dependet & remanet proseguend. In cujus rei, &c. Teste, &c.*

This containeth your Majesty's Pardon to Sir Eustace Harte Knight, of all Adulteries, Fornications and Incontinencies committed with any Woman before this time, and also of all Imprisonments, Fines and Punishments in respect of the same.

It containeth nevertheless an Exception of all Rapes, Incest and Buggeries, and all Sutes wherein any Bill or Sute is depending in the Court of Star-Chamber, or any other your Majesty's Courts at Westminster, or in any Ecclesiastical Court whatsoever.

*Thomas Ridley Cancellarius Winton.*

*Ex. Levinus Munck.*

1616.

*Expedi? apud Westm? Undecima die Julij Anno Regis Jacobi quarto decimo.*

*per Windebank,*

**F I N I S.**